## Department of Public Health and Environment

## Introduction

The Department of Public Health and Environment is authorized by Section 24-1-119(1), C.R.S. The Department is responsible for monitoring environmental quality, assuring the quality of health services, and maintaining health data for the State. The mission statement states that the Department is "dedicated to protecting and improving the health and environment of the people of Colorado." The 11 major divisions are as follows:

- Health Facilities
- Emergency Medical Services and Prevention
- Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology
- Family and Community Health Services
- Health Statistics and Vital Records
- Air Pollution Control
- Water Quality Control
- Hazardous Materials and Waste Management
- Consumer Protection
- Laboratory and Radiation Services
- Administrative Services

For Fiscal Year 1997 the Department had an operating budget totaling \$203,425,246. This budget supports 1,069.7 full-time equivalents (FTE).

The following comments and recommendations were prepared by the public accounting firm of Johnson, Holscher & Company, P.C., who performed audit work at the Department of Public Health and Environment.

## **Continue Efforts to Implement Indirect Cost Methodology**

See Recommendation No. 13 in Section II of the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.